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***Approval of Amendment to the Peterson Ranch:
Working Waterway Habitat Enhancement Project***

Project Title	Peterson Ranch: Working Waterway Habitat Enhancement Project		
Applicant	Solano Resource Conservation District		
Project Number	Prop 1-1605	Category	Implementation
Award Year	2017	Original Award Amount	\$444,464.00
County	Solano		
Amendment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scope <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budget		

Recommendation to the Board

Staff recommends the Board approve an amendment to the Peterson Ranch: Working Waterway Habitat Enhancement Project (#Prop 1-1605), awarded to the Solano Resource Conservation District, to change the project footprint, resulting in a net increase of 240 square feet, and transfer \$1,600.00 from Task 3: Livestock Infrastructure Installation to Task 2: Restoration Planning and Design.

Amendment Description

The proposed amendment will change the specific footprint of the Peterson Ranch: Working Waterway Habitat Enhancement Project and would transfer, but not increase, funds between budget categories and tasks. The project has encountered unforeseen limitations of the project site and thus, the grantee is requesting to redefine the project area. The change in footprint is necessary to avoid areas that were originally within the project area, but which have proven to be too wet to plant the tree and shrub layer that was planned there. To balance the lost area (2,110 square feet), the footprint will be expanded into an area that was not originally part of the project (2,350 square feet), but that does have soil characteristics that will support native tree and shrub layers. This change in project footprint will require the legal survey of the project area, required for the landowner access agreement, to be redone. Costs for this survey can be covered by transferring \$1,600.00 to Task 2: Restoration Planning and Design from Task 3: Livestock Infrastructure Installation, which has not required as much money as originally expected.

This amendment will not impact Proposition 1 program delivery or capacity, nor will it impact programmatic performance measures. The changes to this grant agreement will not change the overall Proposition 1 budget. If the Board does not approve this amendment, the project footprint will shrink and the grantee will be unable to achieve their output performance measures.

Project Description

The Peterson Ranch: Working Waterway Habitat Enhancement is an implementation project with the goal of creating habitat corridors along working waterways on a cattle ranch. To accomplish this goal, fencing will be erected to exclude cattle from the waterways, non-native vegetation will be removed, and native vegetation in the form of grass and forb, shrub, and tree layers will be installed. These activities will result in increased habitat for native wildlife species and improved water quality.

The Board approved \$444,464.00 for the project at the April 26, 2017 Board meeting, as part of the Conservancy's second Proposition 1 grant cycle. The project's start date was September 1, 2017, its funding end date is June 30, 2020, and the grant end date is August 30, 2032. Based on discussion with the Grantee, staff believes the amended project remains viable, ecologically significant, and can be completed within the budget and timeline.

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